

Newsletter

February 2018

Hi,

Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term - let's hope it brings a healthier outlook! It certainly has not been the greatest start to a new year, with so many illnesses continuing to affect us all. We were hoping our break during the Christmas period would allow us all to recover and for the germs, virus's and infections to disappear - but this certainly hasn't been the case as new outbreaks continue to be reported.

Resource Library - Home Share Bags

Just a reminder for Parents & children that our Home Share Bags are ready, if you and your child would like to choose a bag to share at home. Please speak to your child's Key Worker.

Sports Training Sessions - Pre-school - Will be held on **Wednesdays** during this half term

Stay & Play Session

It was lovely to see all the Parents join in with their child's play - the children really enjoy showing them around. Our next Stay & Play Session is on **Wednesday 7th March** from 9am till 10am. As the sessions have been arranged to allow Parents to see and join in with their child's play, we respectfully ask that siblings are not brought along too. We understand that this may cause some difficulties but we have to adhere to our child numbers (ofsted) and we are already at full capacity. Parents will be allowed to bring along very young babies, but Parents must carry/hold at all times (this is for the infants safety).

Parent Information Sharing Forms

Please ensure you have completed and returned to your child's Key Worker - if you have not done so already! (these are discussed at Parents meetings)

Parents Meetings

Held during the weeks - **5th-9th March** & **12th-16th March**. Book appointments with your child's Key Worker.

Photographer

Our photographer will be here on **Thursday 26th April** from 8.30am till 12pm. If your child doesn't attend on a Thursday morning and you would like them to have their photo taken - you will be able to bring them in just to have their photograph done - but you will need to book a time-slot. We do allow sibling photographs, but again, you would need to book.

Daily Diaries - updated

Slight changes to our Daily Diaries allow Key Workers to add extra information they may want to pass on

Tapestry

We have recently come across another slight issue with regards to children's levels. One minute it shows they have achieved something and the next time you go on their Learning Journal, it shows they haven't. Hopefully it has now been sorted - but if you find it is still happening please let us know asap!

Staff Changes

We hope you will join us in welcoming our new members of staff - Poppy Bennett has joined the team in our Pre-school room, along with Dawn Jeffrey & Stacey Appleton has joined the team in our Toddler Room. Sadly we have had to say good-bye to Kayleigh - we wish her well in her future role. Lacey has taken over as Clubs Supervisor and Dawn will be Deputy. Congratulations to Jo Hall who is expecting her first baby.

Easter Holiday Club

If you would like any care during the Easter Holidays, please book asap as spaces are limited.

Easter Holiday Club is from - **Monday 26th to Thursday 29th March** & **Tuesday 3rd - to Friday 6th April**

We are **CLOSED** Friday 30th March & Monday 2nd April. Term starts back on Monday 9th April.

Collecting Sick/Poorly Children

As we are continuing to experience extremely high levels of illness's - we have had to request that Parents come and collect their children, who we feel are not well enough to be at Nursery. We understand that at times this could cause some difficulties but we would like to remind Parents that they are expected to collect their children immediately (so as not to cause their child any further distress, or the possibility of passing onto others). Unfortunately, we have had several instances where children have not been collected for some time - which puts others at risk.

Children's Dolphins - self registering

We like to promote a self-registering system at Dolphins, where children find and collect their named/pictured Dolphin to take into their room. This is especially for children in our Toddler and Nursery rooms. Pre-school has a different approach where their Dolphins are collected at registration time.

Open Mornings/Afternoons

We have decided to cancel all open day sessions - as we are generally full for the next 2 years and feel that we could not offer Parents or children spaces other than going on our waiting list.

Parents Questionnaires

We will be sending out our annual questionnaire form shortly. We very much appreciate your time to complete and return these - and really do take any comments, suggestions or ideas on board.

Kind Regards - Sharon, Di and the Team